

SHIPPING TROOPS TO AND FROM THE PHILIPPINES, ETC.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

TRANSMITTING,

IN RESPONSE TO RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE OF MAY 23, 1900,
A LETTER FROM THE QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL RELATIVE
TO THE COST OF SHIPPING TROOPS AND SUPPLIES FOR THE
ARMY TO AND FROM THE PHILIPPINES SINCE MAY 1, 1898,
BY RAIL TO AND FROM THE PORTS OF EMBARKATION.

JUNE 5, 1900.—Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and ordered to be
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WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, June 5, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to reply to the following resolution of the
Senate of the United States, dated May 23, 1900:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War is directed to furnish to the Senate, as fully
and accurately as is practicable at this time, answers to the following inquiries:

SEC. 1. What has been the cost to the United States since May first, eighteen hun-
dred and ninety-eight, of the transportation paid to or due to railroad companies for
the transportation of officers and men in service with the Army of the United States,
and of animals, property, munitions, equipment, arms, and supplies of every kind
belonging to the Quartermaster, Commissary, and Ordnance Departments of the
Army, sent to the Philippine Islands from the Pacific coast, or brought from any of
said islands to the Pacific coast of the United States and sent to their destination from
that coast to any part of the United States?

SEC. 2. What has been the cost of transportation by sea of the officers, men, ani-
mals, and other belongings of the Army mentioned in section one of these resolutions
since May first, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, to Manila or other ports in the
Philippine Islands, or from such ports to the ports of the United States on the Pacific
and Atlantic oceans?

SEC. 3. What tolls, and at what price per ton, and what fares or charges for passen-
gers have been paid by the United States since May first, eighteen hundred and
ninety-eight to the Suez Canal Company for transports or troopships and for troops
passing through said canal, and the tonnage of each ship and its draft?

SEC. 4. What sum has been paid to each railroad company or each line or system
of railroads, naming the same, that terminates on or near the Pacific coast, for the
transportation that is mentioned or referred to in section one of this resolution, so as to
designate the system of railroads known as the transcontinental railroad lines, on
which such transportation was furnished?

I transmit a letter from the Quartermaster-General of the Army,
dated June 4, 1900, containing the information called for, and annexed

thereto a statement marked "A," showing the cash cost of transportation by rail to ports of shipment of United States troops going to the Philippines, bond-aided and land-grant service deducted; a statement marked "B," showing payments made to the Suez Canal Company on account of tolls, fares, etc., for passage through the canal of United States transports; a statement marked "C," showing the cost for transportation of passengers, animals, and freight by the army transport service as compared with the cost by commercial lines, and a statement marked "D," showing specifically the cost of the transports owned by the Government and employed in the above-mentioned transportation.

Very respectfully,

ELIHU ROOT,
Secretary of War.

The PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE UNITED STATES SENATE.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, June 4, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to return herewith Senate resolution dated May 23, directing the Secretary of War to furnish the Senate as fully and accurately as possible at this time certain information relating to the cost of shipping troops and supplies for the Army to and from the Philippines since May 1, 1898, referred to this office from the War Department May 24, with the following report touching the matter of inquiry:

Answer to section 1.—The records of this office show that there has been expended for the transportation to and from the Philippine Islands of troops, recruits, and civilians on military business, and such supplies and equipments as these troops carried with them, by rail to ports of embarkation, \$2,173,847.53; this for cash service only, all land-grant and bond-aided railroad charges being deducted.

Special reports received at this office show that there has been expended in cash from May 1, 1898, to date, for railroad transportation on public animals and freight or supplies of all kinds shipped for army use, the sum of \$856,846.19.

The amounts accruing for services over the bond-aided Pacific railroads on these shipments of troops, animals, and supplies, which under existing law are not paid in cash, but credited upon the debt of the companies to the United States on the books of the Treasury, would increase the amount of these expenditures for passengers and freight to double the amounts stated. Accounts for such charges over the bond-aided railroads are sent to the accounting officer of the Treasury and are as yet only settled in part.

Answer to section 2.—The reports received in this office show that the expenditures incurred for the transportation by sea of the officers, men, animals, and supplies to the Philippine Islands, and from those islands to the United States, since May 1, 1898, have been as follows:

At San Francisco.....	\$11, 114, 320. 24
At Seattle.....	1, 159, 250. 00
At Portland.....	568, 330. 00
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	12, 841, 900. 24
At New York.....	2, 795, 196. 21
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Total.....	15, 637, 096. 45

Answer to section 3.—The accounts of officers of the Quartermaster's Department received at this office show that since May 1, 1898, to date there has been paid out for passage through the Suez Canal of United States transports with troops on account of tolls, fares, etc., the sum of \$81,901.18, which will appear more in detail as set forth in inclosure marked "B."

Answer to section 4.—All the troops sent to the Philippines from San Francisco, Cal., were routed by rail beyond Ogden, Utah, to San Francisco by the bond-aided Central Pacific Railroad, except the Thirty-second United States Volunteer Infantry, from Leavenworth, Kans., which was carried to San Francisco via the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad, at a cost of \$31,212.26.

The Thirty-ninth United States Volunteer Infantry, from Fort Crook, shipped from Portland, Oreg., and was carried thence by rail by the Burlington and Missouri Railroad, in Nebraska, and Oregon Short Line, at a cost of \$18,381.98.

Three troops of the Third Cavalry, which shipped for Seattle, were carried by rail from Fort Myer, Washington, D. C., west of St. Paul via the Northern Pacific Railroad, the cost being \$27,608.74.

The cash payment for all other shipments of troops by rail to San Francisco was made to lines east of Ogden. Payments for such service are made to the initial lines to which the contract is awarded, and division is made by it of the earnings of the several roads used for the service. Inclosure herewith, marked "A," will show the routing by rail of the troops to the Philippines, and from which the lines that received the money can be determined.

Respectfully,

M. I. LUDINGTON,
Quartermaster-General U. S. A.

The SECRETARY OF WAR.

A.

Cash cost of transportation by rail to ports of shipment of United States troops going to the Philippines, bond-aided and land-grant service deducted.

Organization.	Route.	Cost.
3d United States Infantry.....	C. and N. W.; Bur.; C., M. and St. P.; L. S. and M. S.; N. Y. C.	\$31,726.80
4th United States Infantry.....	Penna. R. R.	15,863.40
6th United States Infantry.....	Sou. Pac.	41,828.15
9th United States Infantry.....	N. Y. Central	30,184.80
12th United States Infantry.....	U. P.; S. L., I. M. and S.	30,229.15
13th United States Infantry.....	N. Y., O. and W.	25,502.75
14th United States Infantry.....	V. and T., and S. P. Co.	1,850.20
16th United States Infantry.....	B. and M. R.; Mo. Pac.	37,685.20
17th United States Infantry.....	C., A. and C.	35,350.50
18th United States Infantry.....	Southern Pacific	42,654.32
19th United States Infantry.....	Penna. R. R.	40,791.48
20th United States Infantry.....	Mo. Pac.; Burl.; Atchison; S. P.	25,150.18
21st United States Infantry.....	N. Y. C.; U. P.; S. P.	25,858.50
22d United States Infantry.....	Mo. Pac.	26,336.00
23d United States Infantry.....	Southern Pacific	24,979.82
24th United States Infantry.....	U. P.; R. G. W.; S. Pac.	16,706.59
25th United States Infantry.....	A. Jt. S. F. Cal. and Sou. Pac.	15,730.35
26th United States Volunteers.....	D. and H. Co.	65,860.65
27th United States Volunteers.....	Penna. R. R.	42,559.38
28th United States Volunteers.....	Penna. R. R.	38,952.56
29th United States Volunteers.....	So. Ry.; A. and W. P.	56,530.03
30th United States Volunteers.....	C. and N. W.	26,895.34
31st United States Volunteers.....	Pa. C. and A., U. P., and S. P.	26,399.47
32d United States Volunteers.....	A., T. and S. F.	31,212.26

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Organization.	Route.	Cost.
33d United States Volunteers	G. H. and S. A.	\$35,165.45
34th United States Volunteers	D. and R. G.	25,292.52
38th United States Volunteers	Mo. Pac.	36,879.48
39th United States Volunteers	Burl., U. P., and O. S. L.	18,381.98
40th United States Volunteers	Union Pac.	22,364.94
41st United States Volunteers	Penna. R. R.	4,600.52
42d United States Volunteers	N. Y. C. and H. R. R. R.	40,139.10
43d United States Volunteers	West Shore	6,739.20
44th United States Volunteers	Union Pac.	30,275.58
45th United States Volunteers	C., St. P., M. and O.	21,276.86
46th United States Volunteers	N. Y., N. H. and H., Penna., C. & O.	41,500.00
47th United States Volunteers	P. and R.	4,550.00
48th United States Volunteers	B. and O. S. W., C. and A., U. P., and S. P.	25,675.36
49th United States Volunteers	Mo. Pac.	37,097.79
A and B, Engineer Corps	Penna. R. R. and C. and O.	8,857.10
3d Cavalry, 8 companies	Pa., B. and O., C. and O., and St. L., I. M. and S.	58,667.45
4th Cavalry	O. R. and N. Co.	6,754.13
1st Artillery, 1 company	Mo. Pac.	7,240.56
3d Artillery, 4 batteries	C. and O.	20,017.36
4th Artillery, 1 battery	N. Y., O. and W.	9,482.90
5th Artillery, 1 battery	N. Y., O. and W.	10,482.90
6th Artillery, 12 batteries	F. E. C., N. Y., O. and W., and Penn. R. R.	53,344.58
3 companies Signal Corps	B. and O. and G. N.	1,975.11
Astor Battery	Penna., U. P., and C. P.	2,638.74
10th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry	Penna. R. R.	48,632.76
1st Colorado Infantry	D. and R. G.	12,219.38
1st Idaho Infantry	O. R. and M. and St. P. Co.	15,299.06
1st Tennessee Infantry	L. and N. R. R.	20,454.90
1st Wyoming Infantry	U. P. R. R.	3,568.31
51st Iowa Infantry	C. and N. W. R. R.	15,981.81
13th Minnesota Infantry	N. P. and S. P.	7,213.50
1st Montana Infantry	G. N. R. R.	5,822.45
1st Nebraska Infantry	B. and M. R. R.	15,838.80
1 troop Nevada cavalry	U. Pac. R. R.	1,145.50
1st Washington Infantry	V. and T. and S. P. Co.	1,775.30
1st Wyoming Artillery	U. Pac. Co.	2,176.15
A and B, Utah Artillery	R. G. W. R. R.	3,042.72
2d Oregon Infantry	S. Pac. Co.	5,167.70
1st North Dakota Infantry	N. P. and G. N.	17,225.10
1st South Dakota Infantry	U. P.	15,340.12
A and D, California Artillery	V. and T., O. R. and N. Co.	98.86
20th Kansas Infantry	U. P. Co.	7,261.22
Civilians	Various	200,000.00
Recruits	do	490,536.40
Total .....	.....	2,173,847.53

There has also been reported to this office as due and unpaid for the transportation of troops to the Philippines by the chief quartermaster, Omaha, Nebr., the sum of \$21,703.

B.

Statement showing payments made to the Suez Canal Company on account of tolls, fares, etc., for passage through canal of United States transports, with troops, etc., as appears from accounts of officers of the Quartermaster's Department, on the transports and vessels named, since May 1, 1898, received to this date.

[Rates: 9 francs per ton for vessel. Fares: 10 francs each adult, 5 francs each child. Night pilotage: 25 francs.]

Transport vessel.	Period when passing through canal.	Tonnage of vessel.	Draft of vessel.	Number of persons charged for.	Amount paid for tolls, fares, pilotage, etc., in American money.
The Grant	Feb., 1899	4,909.58	Not given	{ ^{11,797} ₂₉	{ \$11,941.76
Sherman .....	.....do	5,003.97	.....do	{ ^{1,795} ₂₁₆	{ 12,132.77
Relief (hospital ship)	Mar., 1899	2,464.28	Forward, 17 feet 1 inch; aft, 17 feet 11 inches.		4,631.82
Sheridan	Apr., 1899	4,937.85	Not given	{ ^{11,881} ₂₁₀	{ 12,153.20
Hooker (cable ship)	May, 1899	1,442.69	Forward, 19 feet 1 inch; aft, 20 feet 3 inches.	{ ¹³¹ ₂₂	{ 2,608.58
Missouri (hospital ship)	Oct., 1899	Not given.	Not given	{ ⁽³⁾ ₁₄₁₃	{ 4,249.84
Thomas	Nov., 1899	5,711.67	Forward, 20 feet 2 inches; aft, 24 feet 2 inches.		12,724.74
Meade	Dec., 1899	3,709.21	Forward, 25 feet 10 inches; aft, 26 feet 6 inches.	1,153	8,705.78
Logan .....	.....do	5,654.12	Forward, 19 feet 9 inches; aft, 23 feet 9 inches.	1,487	12,752.69
Sumner ⁴ .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

¹Adults.

²Children.

³No bill of items with account.

⁴No reports received since sailing, March 30, 1900.

Number of vessels passing through canal from February, 1899, to December, 1899, inclusive, 9. Tonnage and draft of vessels stated above. Number of passengers, or fares charged for, 9,794. Total amount paid for tonnage, fares, pilotage, etc., \$81,901.18.

QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S OFFICE., May 28, 1900.

C.

Statement showing cost for transportation of passengers, animals, and freight by the Army transport service as compared with cost by commercial lines.

From San Francisco to Manila and Manila to San Francisco there have been transported—

Officers and other first-class passengers	4,897
Enlisted men and other second-class passengers	85,669
Animals	6,328
Remains	1,207
Packages	11,079
Freight	314,474 tons.
Cash	\$9,995,512
Mail matter	1,492,222 pounds.
Total expenditure at San Francisco for above service	\$10,918,868.24

The estimated cost of the above service by commercial lines is as follows:

3,317 officers and 1,580 other passengers, at \$261 from San Francisco to Manila, and \$221 from Manila to San Francisco	\$1,222,677.00
85,669 enlisted men, at \$136 from San Francisco to Manila and \$113.70 from Manila to San Francisco	11,402,584.30
6,328 animals, at \$130 by steamer and \$53 by sailing vessel	774,823.00
1,207 remains, at \$221	266,747.00
11,099 packages, Christmas boxes, etc., at \$5	55,495.00
314,474 tons freight, baggage and forage, at \$13	4,088,162.00

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\$9,995,512, United States money, at \$0.01 $\frac{3}{4}$	\$137, 438. 29
1,492,222 pounds United States mail, at \$1.60 for letters and 8 cents for other articles	320, 282. 24

Total estimated cost of transporting above-mentioned officers, men, animals, freight, etc.	18, 268, 208. 83
Actual cost of transporting above officers, men, animals, freight, etc. . .	10, 918, 868. 24

Difference in favor of the army transport service	7, 349, 340. 59
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From New York to Manila there have been transported—	
Officers and other first-class passengers	553
Enlisted men	9, 818

Total number transported	10, 371
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The actual cost for these, being computed by the cost of those trans- ported on the army transport <i>Logan</i> , which was \$26.87 per capita, is. .	\$278, 668. 77
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Cost by commercial lines:	
553 first-class passengers, at \$200 each	110, 600. 00
9,818 second-class passengers, at \$100 each	981, 800. 00

Total estimated cost for transporting above officers and men by commercial lines	1, 092, 400. 00
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This seems to be a very conservative estimate of the cost, which is based upon the report of the general superintendent army transport service, New York City, and shows a difference in favor of the army transport service of \$813,731.23.

Between New York and the West India Islands there have been transported between New York and Cuba 12,358 officers and other first-class passengers and 89,294 enlisted men and other second-class passengers.

Between New York and Porto Rico there have been transported 4,971 officers and other first-class passengers and 65,982 enlisted men and other second-class passengers.

In addition to the above there were transported to and from the islands of Cuba and Porto Rico 28,836 animals and 152,762 tons of freight.

For this service there were employed 45 chartered steamships and 14 steamships owned by the Government.

For the chartered ships there has been paid for charter	\$2, 617, 268. 50
For an average of 100 days' service of each ship, the 45 ships were employed 4,500 days and required 40 tons coal per day each, or 180,000 tons coal, at \$2.50 per ton, costing	450, 000. 00
For water, approximately	50, 000. 00

Total	3, 117, 268. 50
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The 14 owned transport ships were employed an aggregate of 6,406 days. The average cost for wages of officers and crews, for coal, water, and incidental expenses was \$320 per day each, making a total cost of	2, 049, 920. 00
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Total expenditure for chartered and owned ships	5, 167, 188. 50
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To have performed this service by commercial lines the cost would have been as follows:

Between New York and Cuba for—	
12,358 officers and other first-class passengers, at \$30 each	\$370, 740. 00
89,294 enlisted men and other second-class passengers, at \$15 each ..	1, 339, 410. 00
Between New York and Porto Rico for—	
4,971 officers and other first-class passengers, at \$50 each	248, 550. 00
65,982 enlisted men and other second-class passengers, at \$40 each ..	2, 639, 280. 00
For animals and freight to Cuba and Porto Rico the cost would have been, for 28,836 animals, at \$20 each	576, 720. 00
152,762 tons freight, at \$6 per ton	916, 572. 00

Total cost by commercial lines	6, 091, 272. 00
Actual cost by army transport service	5, 167, 188. 50

Difference in favor of army transport service	924, 083. 50
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A great portion of the services between the United States and the West Indies were rendered during the war with Spain, when it was not possible to have secured transportation by commercial lines. The rates above given for transportation between the United States and the West India Islands are below the regular tariff rate, being based upon special rates tendered the Government since the war.

The aggregate saving to the Government by the service of the Army transport ships, compared with the commercial rates, as shown in the foregoing statements, is \$9,087,155.32.

RECAPITULATION.

Estimated cost for services by commercial line from San Francisco to Manila	\$18,268,208.83
Cost by transports.....	10,918,868.24
Saving on account of transports.....	7,349,340.59
Conservative estimate of cost of transportation by commercial lines from New York to Manila	1,092,400.00
Cost of same service by transports	278,668.77
Saving on account of transports	813,731.23
Conservative estimate of cost of transportation by commercial lines between New York and Cuba and Porto Rico during the Spanish war and since.....	6,091,272.00
Cost of same service by transports and chartered vessels.....	5,167,188.50
Saving on account of transports.....	924,083.50
Total saving to the Government.....	9,087,155.32

D.

Statement showing the amount paid for purchase of the army transport ships in service of the Quartermaster's Department on the Pacific and Atlantic oceans, and the amount expended for their refitting and repair.

Name of transport.	Purchase price.	Amount paid for refitting and repair.	Total expenditure.
ON PACIFIC OCEAN.			
Grant.....	\$600,000.00	\$350,658.69	\$1,010,658.69
Hancock	600,000.00	547,016.28	1,147,016.28
Logan	600,000.00	558,839.33	1,218,839.33
Meade	400,000.00	503,733.14	903,733.14
Sheridan	600,000.00	624,644.38	1,284,644.38
Sherman	600,000.00	572,847.58	1,232,847.58
Sumner	160,594.00	652,218.89	812,812.89
Thomas	600,000.00	455,336.37	1,115,336.37
Warren	200,000.00	192,328.61	392,328.61
ON ATLANTIC OCEAN.			
Buford	350,000.00	480,345.56	830,345.56
Burnside	125,000.00	183,466.29	308,466.29
Crook	240,000.00	238,317.59	478,317.59
Kilpatrick.....	350,000.00	538,039.30	888,039.30
McClellan	175,000.00	314,418.53	489,418.53
McPherson	250,000.00	155,562.77	405,562.77
Sedgwick.....	200,000.00	278,424.62	478,424.62
Total	6,350,594.00	6,646,197.93	12,996,791.93
Deduct saving to Government as per last foregoing statement			9,087,155.32
Leaves actual net cost of 16 transports			3,909,636.61

